



Rev. Alvia McEwen Martis

September 30, 1951 - February 12, 2020

Rev. Alvia McEwen Martis, 68, of rural Wauseon, Ohio died peacefully on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at CHP Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice. He was born Sept. 30th, 1951 in Clarksville, Tennessee to the late William and Mary (Horner) Martis, Sr. On September 21, 1973, he married Joyce Schutt in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. On Friday, February 14th, 2020 Joyce was reunited with Alvia in heaven after complications of a kidney transplant.

Alvia was a 1970 graduate of Anchor Bay High School. He briefly served in the US Air Force and was medically discharged due to an accident. He worked as an EMT and Armed Security Officer while he started his education to become a minister. He attended Concordia Theological Seminary and attained a Master of Divinity in 1996. He also holds a Master of Education from the University of Phoenix and was working on his Doctorate.

Alvia was ordained as a LCMS Pastor on June 23rd, 1996 at First Lutheran Church, Algonac, MI. The same year he was installed as Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, Ohio and served until 2017. He was currently the Interim Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Liberty Center, Ohio and Educational Pastor and member at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Wauseon, Ohio.

He is survived by his children, Michael (Lisa) Martis, Aaron Martis (Tasha Thompson), and Rachel Martis; grandchildren, Yurick, Rebecca, Daprie, Jason, and Liam; siblings, Bill (Martha) Martis, Howard Martis, Robert (Betty) Martis, and Theresa (Michael) Giroux. He was also preceded in death by his

son, Jason; and sister, Twana (David) Pinski; and sister-in-law, Sharon Martis. Combined funeral services for Alvia and Joyce will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 22nd at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio with Pastors' Peter Marcis and Pastor James Strawn officiating. Burial services will be held in the spring at Fairview Cemetery, Gaylord, Michigan.

Combined visitation will be held on Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorials are suggested to St. Luke Lutheran Church-Wauseon St. Paul Lutheran Church-Liberty Center, and Zion Lutheran Church-Ridgeville Corners.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergergray.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Visitation

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Alvia McEwen Martis.*



February 21, 2020 at 05:25 AM



“ *With love, Your Deacon Friends purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rev. Alvia McEwen Martis.*



With love, Your Deacon Friends - February 20, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Alvia McEwen Martis.*



February 18, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Alvia McEwen Martis.*



February 18, 2020 at 01:16 PM

CE

“ As the former secretary at St. Paul's, Liberty Center, I had the pleasure of working with Pastor Martis during his first time serving as our vacancy pastor. He always had a story to tell, with a lot of humor. We were very grateful for both times he served our congregation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time of losing Pastor and Joyce. Chris and John Engler

Chris Engler - February 17, 2020 at 11:28 PM

RM

Robert Martis, I'm the youngest of the Martis Brothers. My Brother Al as I called him, was more than a Brother and his Wife Joyce was much more than my Sister in law, I pestered my Brothers probably from the beginning of my life. I broke their model cars and was Curious with all of my Brothers stuff. After the untimely death of my Dad and the loss of my Mother 2 years earlier I got closer to Al. He was the guy that if you went to with a problem, He would literally give you the shirt off his back. At no fault or choice of my Brother Al, my Brother Howard Martis and my Sister Twana were taken to an Orphanage in Illinois. Mooseheart Child city. My Brother Al opened his home for Howard and I after a brief stay at my Brother William Martis jr. Home. Al and Joyce were not just my Brother and sister in law, They treated me as Their own, Did I tell you Joyce taught me how to drive. We were waiting for our turn to pull out on Gratiot road rush hour, Joyce was telling me, wait, and go go, so I floor boarded the old Pinto station wagon and completely did a 360 burn out on wet roads. The Lord had His hand on us as somehow I regained control and went down the road. Joyce said good job through quivering lips. Oh my, Al and Joyce were my Parents, Joyce also taught me how to cook! No kidding. Al worked the afternoon shift at Jamestown pottery in Mount Clemens, Mi. But always found a way to take us duck hunting every weekend, small game hunting was our favorite? He taught me how to assassinate squirrels. One shot in the head. I have 60 years of memories with Al and Joyce. He fought the good fight and finished his course. Till we meet again, through the power of Jesus Christ who having finished His work on Calvary. Believe and Repent and Receive. I Love you Brother Al and my Sister "mom" Joyce.

Robert Martis - February 18, 2020 at 09:26 PM

NS

“ Rev Al's faithful witness to the LORD Jesus Christ's mercy and everlasting love left an impact on many lives. His service to St. Luke's with creative Bible study in adult Bible class and our worship services was much appreciated and will continue to bear witness to his calling as a pastor. He and wife Joyce will both be missed. .

Norma J Schlueter - February 17, 2020 at 05:30 PM

KP

“ Uncle Al you were the best godfather aunt Joyce you were the best godmother you will be missed

katie parr - February 17, 2020 at 01:51 PM

DS

“ Uncle Al, you will be so missed by us! The mark you left on so many hearts is one you should be proud of. You made such a difference in so many lives. A mighty servant of God, never boastful and always humble. You always pointed us to look to God and I am so grateful for your guidance and love!

Diane Smith - February 15, 2020 at 03:24 PM